



2013 Internship

Environmental Education / Natural History / Sustainability

Description:

The National Park Service, in partnership with the Student Conservation Association, offers internship opportunities for students majoring in or having strong interest in education, natural history and sustainability. Additional skill in communications, marketing, and community organizing are helpful. Recent graduates who wish to hone their skills in education and public outreach will be considered.

Interns will work with families and students K-12 to offer camping and environmental based day programs conducted at Gateway National Recreation Area. Teaching sites include Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and Floyd Bennett Field; Staten Island locations include Great Kills Park and Fort Wadsworth. Interns will be taught to use canvassing techniques and current marketing methods to attract local community groups to park programs. Interns will assist in modifying existing programs to best meet community interest.

Interns will:

- Learn inquiry and discovery based teaching methods while leading groups in a student-centered learning environment.
- Assist NPS staff with facilitation of camping and day programs to mixed age groups.
- Assess existing programs for grade appropriate activities, relevance to the community, and effectiveness in reaching all types of learners.
- Work closely with National Park Service Education Specialists and NYC school teachers to modify existing lessons to meet specific class needs.

Requirements:

- Background in Environmental Education and/or natural history, familiarity with sustainable practices.
- Physical stamina: ability to deliver programs under a variety of environmental conditions including high heat and humidity, hiking, carrying camping gear on carts over uneven terrain during spring, summer and fall.
- Experience delivering hands-on, student focused programs to various age groups including children and adults.
- Experience or interest in working with community organizations, canvassing and marketing in local, diverse communities.

Course Credit:

This is a paid internship. A Transportation Subsidy may be provided.

Internship Dates:

Candidates may apply and be considered to work one or more internship periods. Internship sections will be made for three internship periods:
April- Mid June, Mid- June – August, September – November.

Locations:

Teaching location options include Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

To apply:

Email letter of interest and resume to: sheridan_roberts@nps.gov.